

Poliovirus Immunization

Future Directions

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Issues to Consider

**1. More and more OPV might not eliminate wt PV
in some locations.**

- Could IPV help in these locations?**

**2. Use of OPV is associated with a
significant risk of polio epidemics caused
by OPV-derivatives**

- If circulation is not limited by population immunity, these cVDPVs will evolve toward wt phenotype.**

3. Failure to detect circulating PV

does not guarantee absence of virus

- **Imperfect surveillance, isolation, identification, reporting**
- **Long-term covert circulation without disease**

**4. Containment of all polioviruses
is not possible, although risks are
unknown and probably low**

- **Unknown specimens stored everywhere**
- **Chemical synthesis has become cheap and easy**
- **Long-term excretors**
- **Evolution of PV from Coxsackie A virus (or other C cluster enteroviruses) could occur, since it likely did before**

**5. The consequences of circulation
and spread in non-immune
populations may be very severe**

Conclusion

**Protection against infection must
continue for at least the
foreseeable future**